Real Hot-Rodders Not 'Shot-Rodders'

(Vancouver Island's hot-rodders are looking for a place to race. This is the first of a three-part series giving their arguments as they seek public aid in construction of a drag strip.)

By JIM TAYLOR

On a drag strip a hot-rodder competes with time. On a highway he competes with death, and eventually he'll lose.

There are more than 300 hot-rodders on Vancouver Island, members of 14 clubs grouped together under the Island Timing Association. They have been campaigning for a place to race their cars under safe and sane conditions for three years.

To do this they need a drag strip, and to get a drag strip they need property and about $25,000. That's too big a nut to crack alone. They've tried that and it doesn't work, so now they plan to ask for help. This, then, is the case they present to show they are justified in turning to the public.

In the language of the average citizen, the term "hot-rodder" has come to mean a teenage punk in a souped-up junk heap. It is synonymous with wild races down main streets, screeching brakes, burning rubber and eventual tragedy.

Every city has drivers like these, but they are not hot-rodders. They are, in the language of the hot-rodders themselves, "shot-rodders," accidents looking for a place to happen. These are just a few of the misconceptions the organized hot-rodders would like to clear up:

Loves to Tinker

The true hot-rodder is a driver who strives to put his car in the best mechanical shape possible, then compares its performance with time and other cars. He loves to tinker with and improve on engines, but always his watchwords are safety and performance, in that order.

A hot-rodder's car is never a junk heap. In type it can be anything from the family sedan to a gas-eating monster with twin aircraft engines, but it is always a machine kept in tip-top shape through hours of labor.

Hot-rodders are not all teenagers. The members of the Island Timing Association range in age from 16-31, and all are safety conscious. This series is not meant to give the impression that they are a bunch of plaster saints. As in any organization of any size, misfits are liable to show up, but these are dealt with by the club itself, with the members deciding whether or not a troublemaker should be forced to quit.

These are your hot-rodders. Still, in the mind of the general public, they enjoy a somewhat dubious reputation, chiefly because they are judged by the antics of the shot-rodders, and by the adverse publicity that seems to cling to hot-rod groups.

But ask the service clubs and charitable organizations about hot-rod clubs like Victoria's Quarter-Milers. Ask, and you will hear about groups of hot-rodders who help out each year in canvassing for the Solarium, Community Chest and Red Cross. Red Cross officials will tell you about the "blood feuds" between the clubs to see which can contribute the most blood in the annual appeal.

In the constitution of the Quarter Milers is a clause which states that members will be penalized under a demerit system if they fail to take part in such community projects.

The club scrapbook is brimming with newspaper clippings from motorists who have been helped out of difficulty situations by members and presented with a courtesy card which reads "You have been assisted by a member of the Quarter-Milers, Victoria's original hot-rod club."

"We're not looking for a pat on the back," says Daryl Foster, one of the founders of the club. "We just want people to realize that we're a responsible organization and not a menace, so that when we appeal for help we'll at least get a hearing."

Foster and Bob Clarke formed the Quarter-Milers in 1956, just after a Victoria youth was killed in an auto accident. The club is limited to 40 members, all in the position of having cars and no place to test them.

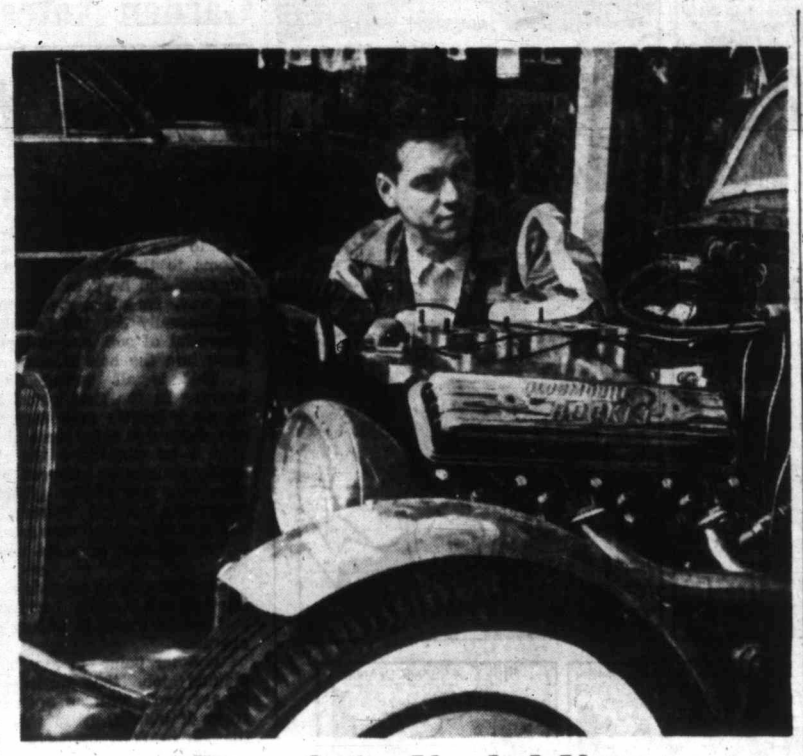
Poor Substitutes

The club will not race without a drag strip. In the meantime, it holds special events such as scavanger hunts, map runs and economy runs, poor substitutes at best for car enthusiasts who have fast cars and are dying to use them.

The Timing Association officially opened its building fund on May 30, 1958. Since then the members of the 14 affiliated clubs have raised about $1,500 through raffles, car shows, bottle collections, car washes and rummage sales. At that rate it will take another six or seven years to raise the necessary $25,000.

Some time in the near future the clubs will hold a mass hunt for a suitable site. Since the proposed strip will be for all affiliated clubs on Vancouver Island, it will have to be in a central location. Then the hot-rodders will make their public appeal for money to start the project.

They hope the public will listen.



Drag Strip Needed Now

Victoria's Quarter-Milers are one of 14 hot-rod clubs on Vancouver Island campaigning for a drag strip on which to race cars like the one shown above. Bob Clarke, one of the founders of the Quarter-Milers, inspects car owned by Daryl Foster.

United Team Faces Field

First United's midget basketball team defends it provincial title against eight challengers tomorrow in the annual B.C. tournament at First United Fellowship Hall.

The First United team, recently declared Island champions, will be competing against Victoria's Metropolitan United, Vancouver College, Lord Byng High School, Alberni, Cumberland, Nanaimo, Duncan and Sooke.

Tonrnament starts at 9 a.m. Final game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Whole Season Wrapped Up In Saturday's Soccer Final

It's all or nothing as far as Esquimalt and Canadian Scottish are concerned Saturday afternoon when the clubs take the field at Royal Athletic Park for the Victoria and District Football League final.

Both clubs dominated league play this season and recently scored impressive semi-final wins. Now the whole season is wrapped up into Saturday's game that shapes up as the top local sports attraction of the weekend.

Esquimalt reached the final by eliminating Gorge Hotel two weeks ago while Scottish shaded Heaneys 3-0 last weekend to earn a shot at the Victoria and District championship.

The game will have special significance to Esquimalt back Len Scott, perennial backbone of any club he has played on since entering the local soccer scene 23 years ago at the age of 10.

Scott intends to retire from active competition following Saturday's game, and naturally, he'd like nothing better than to go out a winner.

Scott will see service as a trainer for Esquimalt next season, but right now he's not thinking in terms of next year. Saturday's game is the big one.

Kickoff time is 2.30.

O.C. Rugby

LONDON (Reuters)—Results of Wednesday night's English Rugby League games:

Castleford 39, Batley 3.
Halifax 12, York 13.
Swindon 26, Bramley 2.

O.C. Soccer

LONDON (Reuters)—Results of soccer matches played Thursday night in the United Kingdom:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I
Luton 5, Notts F. 1.

Division IV
Walsall 3, Workington 0.

Fetchick Hot After Fat Cheque

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Mike Fetchick of Yonkers, N.Y., came up with a five-under par 66 Thursday to take a one-stroke first-round lead in the $15,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Playing with only four hours sleep after flying in from New York, the 36-year-old pro wrested the lead from little Billy Maxwell of Odessa, Tex., former U.S. amateur champion, who had finished with a 33-34—67.

Stan Leonard of Vancouver was tied for third place at 68 with four others—PGA champion Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla.; Tony Lema, San Leandro, Calif.; and Joe Campbell, Knoxville, Tenn.

Minor Soccer

SATURDAY

DIVISION VII
10.30 a.m.—Hampton Eagles vs. Reynolds Eagles, Windsor Park. (Semi-final.)

DIVISION VI
10.30 a.m.—Post Office vs. Oak Bay Optimists, Topaz Park (Semi-final.)

SUNDAY

DIVISION V
Oak Bay Optimists vs. Nanaimo South End Super-Value, at Nanaimo. (No time available.)

DIVISION IV
Britannia Legion vs. Nanaimo South End Kinsmen, at Nanaimo. (No time available.)

DIVISION III
1 p.m.—Victoria Eagles vs. Nanaimo Kinsmen, Macdonald Park. (Island final.)

DIVISION I
2.30 p.m.—Victoria Optimists vs. Nanaimo Harwoods, Macdonald Park. (Island final.)

Marie Curie who, with her husband Pierre, discovered radium in 1898 once made the remark that "Nothing is to be feared. It is only to be understood."

Tanforan Races, Entries, Selections

THURSDAY RESULTS

First Race—$2,000 claiming, one-year-old fillys, six furlongs.
Copper Honey (Taniguchi) $9.90 $3.80 $3.40
Belmoud (Longden) 2.90 2.50
Disbelief (Cunington) 4.20
Also—Curtain Knight, Sweet Liza, Pamela Ruth, Princess Glory, Prim Victory, Mischief Bent, Mrs. E. W., Marty Obbink, Curtsy. Time 1.13.

Second Race—$2,000, claiming four-year-olds and up, maidens, six furlongs:
Beau Cagire (Taniguchi) $61.0 $3.90 $2.90
Countermarch (Glenn) 3.20 2.50
Compulsion (Longden) 3.00
Also—Vernalis, Colonel Fury, Hirus-First, On Approval, Case Card, Solano's Mark, Escatawpa, Saneve, Sunday Stitch. Time 1.11 4-5.
Daily Double paid $38.60.

Third Race—$2,000 claiming, two-year-olds, maidens, five furlongs.
Jesorno (York) $6.40 $4.00 $2.90
Truckle Champ (Moreno) 6.70 3.80
Easy Toube (Zollinger) 3.60
Also—Bright Glow, French Web, Nickle L., Brookland, Cree Brave, Teek Hi, Doc Aaberg, Vegas Jewell, True or False. Time 1.01.

Fourth Race—$2,000 allowances, three-year-old maidens, six furlongs. Strictly Class
(Valenzuela) $7.50 $3.30 $2.80
Board Member (Moreno) 3.00 2.60
Fienace (Dominguez) 3.80
Also—Deal Again, Kaycee's Wonder, Obstructed, Butch-B., Divine Master, Ben Gerland, Hi-Pep, Country Doc. Time 1.12.

Fifth Race—$2,000 claiming, four-year-olds and up, six furlongs:
Famy (Yaka) $48.40 $24.00 $12.10
Green Top (Zollinger) 10.20 6.40
Nesbit Make Up (Volzke) 8.50
Also—Bees and Honey, The Character, Arctic Wind, Gunsmith, Tell Me Tony, Lady Venture, Midwest, Water Way, Heller. Time 1.13.

Sixth Race—$2,000 claiming, three-year-olds, six furlongs:
Eric Gem (Yama) $9.30 $4.20 $3.60
Free To Khal (Yaka) 5.30 3.80
Jimmy James (Shirota) 6.20
Also—Eiffel, Palohso, Musicshow, Brown Blue, Zipon, Valdiput, Arizona Valor, Fuddy's Buddy, Basalite. Time 1.12 4-5.

Seventh Race—$2,500 claiming, four-year-olds and up, one and one-sixteenth miles.
Pardee 2nd (Ferguson) $6.10 $4.50 $2.80
Ambiel (Dominguez) 5.70 3.40
Ardent Love (Griffiths) 3.20
C. Hone, Frank's Cover, Bichero, Over High. Time 1.44 4-5.

Eighth Race—$2,000 claiming four-year-olds and up, one and one-sixteenth miles.
Idle Arms (Pierce) $4.40 $3.00 $2.50
Washgal (Yaka) 5.50 3.40
Money Make (Shirota) 5.10
Also—Divine Kerry, Roleta, Emocionada, My Reverie, Princess Kay. Time 1.46 2-5.

OVERNIGHT ENTRIES

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs:
Flying Diamond (D. Pierce) 111
Timber Tony (W. Ferguson) 111
Keep Rolling (M. Paulkner) 114
Noor's Man (J. Ruggeri) 114
Renfro (F. Miller) 114
Top Reader (T. Powell) 119
Tony Transit (P. Moreno) 114
Gust O' Wind (B. Richards) 109
Riff (G. Taniguchi) 116
Kings Haste (H. Moreno) 114
Avenger Boy (M. Volzke) 116
Force (M. Green) 111
Bysac (W. Fry) 108
Cavaltown (M. Shirota) 106
Black Signal (R. Neves) 114
Intolerable (D. Richardson) 111

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs:
Iron March (R. Neves) 119
Sunkissed (P. Moreno) 119
Margie Jan (R. York) 114
Count De Anza (A. Maese) 114
Hi Mr. Bountiful (P. Scheih) 114
Darling Didi (M. Shirota) 104
Miss Cliffwood (G. Taniguchi) 114
Trojan Courtesan (P. Glenn) 104
April (A. Valenzuela) 109
Azurine (Yaka) 111

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs:
Big Chief (W. Ferguson) 116
Peno (L. Balaski) 116
Bern the Breeze (T. Powell) 116
Full Colo (R. York) 116
Flashing Colors (H. Moreno) 116
Kerry Piper (D. Richardson) 116
King Current (P. Gröhs) 116
Little Noise (D. Gates) 116

FOURTH RACE—Mile and 70 yards:
Headband (T. Powell) 107
San Diego (D. Pierce) 112
Stormy Sea (G. Taniguchi) 120
Delft Blue (R. Yaka) 115
Quiet But Peppy (L. Balaski) 112
Las Bananas (H. Moreno) 114
Talktalk (D. Richardson) 117

FIFTH RACE—Mile and 70 yards:
Athens (R. Griffiths) 117
Night Lodger (R. Neves) 114
Counter Punch (J. Longden) 117
Bermuda Punch (G. Taniguchi) 112
Scarlet Abbey (T. Dominguez) 112
Topple (P. Moreno) 117
Spring Boy (R. Yaka) 112

SIXTH RACE — Mile and one-sixteenth:
Amerind (R. Neves) 112
Diner (M. Green) 107
Henry Collins (A. Maese) 112
Moslem Prince (T. Dominguez) 109
Saratoga Book (G. Taniguchi) 112
Revel (J. Longden) 112
Berto Barbone (T. Powell) 112
King O' Turf (R. Yaka) 107

SEVENTH RACE—Six furlongs:
Chris S. (A. Valenzuela) 119
Northern Spy (R. Yaka) 109
Fort Kelly (R. Griffiths) 114
Empiric (H. Moreno) 114
Flying Atlas (W. Ferguson) 114
Barbarian (A. Maese) 114
Chino King (D. Richardson) 114
Barouche (J. Longden) 119
Ancient Myth (G. Taniguchi) 114
Francis Drake (T. Powell) 114
Penarth (D. Pierce) 109

EIGHTH RACE — Mile and one-sixteenth:
Privol (B. Zollinger) 112
Jack Outlaw (G. Taniguchi) 120
Maritime Fleet (J. Arterburn) 112
Tipped (P. Moreno) 112
Rosy Turf (J. Longden) 112
Constructive (W. Carroll) 112
Eliminate (M. Volzke) 114
Go and Call (M. Shaw) 112
Redwood Pat (M. Green) 103
Beauty Flight (W. Ferguson) 112
Philips Pal (A. Valenzuela) 120
Hobcaw Sage (J. Davern) 117
Color Sand (R. Yaka) 104
Dark Move (D. Pierce) 111

SELECTIONS

1—Top Reader, Kings Haste, Keep Rolling.
2—Iron March, Miss Cliffwood, Count De Anza.
3—Full Colo, Big Chief, Counterate.
4—Stormy Sea, San Diego, Quiet But Peppy.
5—Counter Punch, Night Lodger, Scarlet Abbey.
6—Amerind, Saratoga Book, Henry Collins.
7—Chris S., Barouche, Empiric.
8—ack Outlaw, Tipped, Hobcaw Sage

New Look For Lions This Year

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Lions will have a distinct and different look for their 1959 Western Interprovincial Football Union season.

The changes came after head coach Wayne Robinson decided the team should have no reminders of past bad years.

The new uniform will have a solid black sweater with orange numbers and an orange and white stripe on the sleeve. The helmet will be orange with a white stripe and possibly an emblem of a lion's paw over the earpiece.

Pants are silver grey with an orange stripe on the leg. Stockings will be black with a design similar to the one on the sleeve breaking the solid color.

The Canadian Cancer Society is organized in 2,000 Canadian communities where it carries on education programs and gives assistance to cancer patients. It also provides money for research.

When to Fish or Hunt
SOLUNAR TABLES
by John Allen Knight

According to Solunar Tables calculated for this area, the best times for fishing and hunting for today and tomorrow will be as follows (Times shown are Pacific Standard Time):

TODAY

A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
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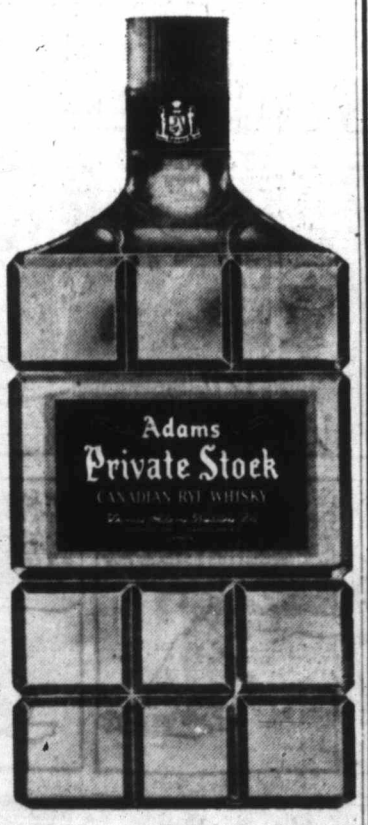

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